## **Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos**

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 66902 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 793, as introduced, Vasconcellos. Postsecondary education: California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Among other things, the act establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and advisor to the Legislature and the Governor. Existing law requires the commission to provide data to the Legislature and the Governor through the completion and submission of various reports and studies. Existing law also provides that the commission has power to require the governing boards and institutions of public postsecondary education to submit data on prescribed subjects.

This bill would expand the authority of the commission by authorizing it to require the governing bodies and institutions of each segment of public postsecondary education to submit data on any matters deemed pertinent by the commission. The bill would also require the commission to submit an annual report to the chairs of the budget committees of both houses of the Legislature and to the Legislative Analyst regarding the record of the various segments of postsecondary education in responding to the commission's requests for information.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 66902 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 66902. (a) The commission shall have power is authorized to require the governing boards bodies and the institutions of each segment of public postsecondary education to submit data on plans and programs, costs, selection and retention of students, enrollments, plant capacities and other any matters deemed pertinent to effective planning, policy development, articulation and coordination, and by the commission.
- (b) Each fiscal year, immediately prior to the deliberations of the Legislature relating to the budget for the segments of public postsecondary education, the commission shall submit a report to the chairs of the budget committees of both houses of the Legislature and to the Legislative Analyst regarding the record of the various segments in responding to the commission's requests 16 for information.
- (c) The commission shall furnish timely information 18 concerning such matters to in response to requests of the Governor and to or the Legislature as requested by them.